STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION of the State of Illinois,	Complainant	)
v.		) No. 81-28 82-63 82-64
MOHANLAL WICKRAMASINGHE License No. 36-47140		)
RALPH C. MENEZES License No. 36-54796,	Respondents	)

ORDER

This matter having come before the Medical Disciplinary Board of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois, and the Board, having made certain Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the Director of the Department; and the Department having complied with all required notices; and the Respondents having waived their right to file a Motion for Rehearing before the Director of the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY L. CLAYTON, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION of the State of Illinois, do hereby adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation of the Medical Disciplinary Board in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Certificates of Registration, License Nos. 36-47140 and 36-54796, heretofore issued to Mohanlal Wickramasinghe and Ralph C. Menezes, respectively, to carry on the practice of medicine in the State of Illinois are REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondents appear before the Medical Disciplinary Board of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois at its September 1, 1982, meeting at 9 a.m., 17 North State Street, 17th Floor, Chicago, Illinois, to be verbally reprimanded for the conduct which resulted in their felony conviction.

DATED THIS 18th DAY OF August, 1982.

DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION of the State of Illinois

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GARY L. CLAYTON
DIRECTOR

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v.	)	No. 82-64
RALPH C. MENEZES LICENSE #36-54796 Respondent(s)	)	

N O T I C E O F P R E L I M I N A R Y H E A R I N G

TO: Ralph C. Menezes
[redacted]

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on APRIL 7, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. you are directed to appear before the MEDICAL DISCIPLINARY BOARD of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois at which time a hearing date will be set. You will then and there present any and all routine motions you may wish to have heard regarding the charges contained in the attached Complaint. Any motions presented on the above date shall be served on the Regulatory Division of the Department of Registration and Education, at 17 North State Street, 17th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602, at least three (3) business days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Your appearance on the scheduled date is mandatory and failure to so appear may result in the selection of a hearing date in your absence, and may further constitute a waiver of all pretrial motions unless a Continuance has been secured in advance of the meeting. Your appearance may be made personally or through counsel.

It is required that an ANSWER to the attached COMPLAINT be filed with the DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION within 20 days from the date of service.

RULES OF PRACTICE IN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION AND BEFORE COMMITTEES OR BOARDS OF SAID DEPARTMENT are available upon written request.

DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND
EDUCATION of the State of Illinois

BY: [redacted]
EDWARD F. BRUNO
CHIEF OF PROSECUTIONS

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF COOK)

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath states: I served NOTICE and COMPLAINT in the matter of the DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION v. Ralph C. Menezes 2405 Happy Hollow Glenview, IL 60025, No. 82-64 by posting same by regular and certified mail in Chicago, Illinois this 26TH day of February 19 82 to the named person(s) at the address(es) set out above.

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AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 26th day of February, 19 82.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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C O M P L A I N T

Now comes the DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION of the State of Illinois, by its Chief of Prosecutions, Edward F. Bruno, and as its COMPLAINT against Ralph C. Menezes, Respondent, complains as follows:

1. Ralph C. Menezes, hereinafter "Respondent" is presently the holder of a Certificate of Registration as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, No. 36-54796, issued by the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois, hereinafter "Department."
2. On or about June 19, 1981, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Respondent was convicted of violating Title 18, Section 1343, United States Code, for knowingly, willfully and unlawfully committing fraud by wire when he placed a telephone call to SriLanka using the device known as a blue box in order to circumvent the usual billing procedure of Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

3. A violation of Title 18, Section 1343, United States Code, is a felony.

4. The foregoing acts of commission and/or omission are grounds for revocation or suspension of a Certificate of Registration pursuant to Chapter 111, Section(s) 4433(2), Illinois Revised Statutes.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing allegations, the DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION of the State of Illinois, by Edward F. Bruno, its Chief of Prosecutions, prays that the Physician and Surgeon license of Ralph C. Menezes be suspended or revoked pursuant to the following provision(s) of law:

Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 111, Section(s) 4433(2).

DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION of the State of Illinois

BY: [redacted]
EDWARD F. BRUNO
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RALPH C. MENEZES,	)	
License No. 36-54796, Respondents	)	

NOTICE

TO: Mohanlal Wickramasinghe Ralph C. Menezes

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Louis B. Garippo

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Medical Disciplinary Board of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois, after hearing and considering evidence presented in the above case has recommended REPRIMANDING of your licenses to carry on the practice of medicine in the State of Illinois. A copy of the Medical Disciplinary Board's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation are attached hereto.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have 20 days from the date this Notice is mailed to present to this Department your written Motion for a Rehearing. Said Motion shall specify the particular grounds for a Rehearing.

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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE DIRECTOR

Now comes the Medical Disciplinary Board of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois and, after conducting a hearing in this matter, a majority of its members hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation to the Director:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. THAT Mohanlal Wickramasinghe, Respondent, is now a duly registered Medical Doctor in the State of Illinois, having been issued a Certificate of Registration, License No. 36-47140, by the Department of Registration and Education.

   THAT Ralph C. Menezes, Respondent, is now a duly registered Medical Doctor in the State of Illinois, having been issued a Certificate of Registration, License No. 36-54796, by the Department of Registration and Education.

2. THAT the Department filed Complaints against the Respondents and sent notice of said Complaints to the

Respondents by certified and regular mail on February 26, 1982.

3. THAT a hearing on the Complaints was heard on June 2, 1982 at 17 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Eli Borkon, M.D., hearing officer for the Medical Disciplinary Board, was present and listened to all of the evidence presented on that date. James Williams, M.D., Chairman, and John Gregorio, M.D., Willard Scrivner, M.D., Sam Brinkley, D.C., George Caleel, D.O., and Helen Beiser, M.D., members of the Medical Disciplinary Board, reviewed the transcript and evidence presented at the hearing held on that date.

4. THAT both Respondents were present at the hearing and were represented by Counsel, namely, Louis B. Garippo and Jeremiah F. Bransfield.

5. THAT the Department was represented at the hearing by one of its attorneys, Anne E. Whitney.

6. THAT after the presentation of all the evidence and arguments, the Medical Disciplinary Board deliberated and made its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation to the Director.

7. THAT on June 19, 1981 both Respondents were convicted in United States District Court of the felony of wire fraud for placing overseas telephone calls through the use of an electronic "blue box" device and not paying for those calls.

8. THAT after their conviction both Respondents were sentenced to two years' probation, fined $1,000 and ordered to serve one year in a community service project.

9. THAT Respondents presented letters and testified regarding the prompt payment of their fines and their successful participation as physicians in their respective community service projects.

10. THAT Respondents presented numerous letters from their colleagues attesting to the good character and professional competence of the Respondents.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. THAT the Medical Disciplinary Board of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois has jurisdiction over the subject matter and of the parties in this case.

2. THAT, pursuant to Chapter 111, paragraph 4433(2), Illinois Revised Statutes, the Department of Registration and Education may revoke, suspend, place on probationary status or take any other disciplinary action with regard to Respondents' licenses to practice medicine because they have been convicted of a felony in federal court.

RECOMMENDATION

The Medical Disciplinary Board of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois, after

making the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, recommends to Gary L. Clayton, the Director of the Department of Registration and Education, that Mohanlal Wickramasinghe, License No. 36-47140, and Ralph C. Menezes, License No. 36-54796, be REPRIMANDED for their conduct which resulted in a felony conviction. In order that they may appreciate the gravity of the reprimand, the Medical Disciplinary Board further recommends that the Respondents be ordered to appear before the Medical Disciplinary Board at one of its regularly scheduled meetings to be verbally reprimanded.

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF August, 1982.

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Chairman

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Member

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